present, he suggested that one of the three medical officers at Mavelikara might be ordered to visit the place bi-weekly and render medical aid to the people, more especially to the school-boys. In regard to the improvement of irrigation canals, Government sanctioned Rs. 250 for the purpose and the people agreed to pay half the cost. But the Member said that nothing further was done.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. In regard to the irrigation canals, the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, will be asked to do the needful in the matter.

145. Some requirements of the Peermade taluk.

Mr. R. Krishna Panikkar (Member, Peermade taluk) said that the headquarters of the Peermade taluk was at Peermade, 25 miles away from the populous pakuthies of Kanjirapalli, Cheruvalli, Chirakadavu and Poonjar. There were habitations in the taluk only from Peruvanthanam westwards and it was only to those people that the taluk office was of much use. To the east of it there were only a few Planters scattered here and there. The ryots were put to the greatest difficulty in resorting to the revenue headquarters of the taluk. The fact that the Munsiff's Court was located at Ponkunnam showed that the needs of the ryots could be satisfied only by locating the courts in the western portion. He therefore proposed that the headquarters of the taluk might be shifted to Mundakayam, and if that was not possible, that the Magistrate at the place might be invested with the revenue powers of a Tahsildar.

He also requested that elementary schools should be started at Kumili, Mundakayam, Edakunnam, Chenapadi and Erumeli. The Mahomedan school at Alappra should be taken under the direct control of the Government for the better working of the school. The lower grade secondary school for boys and the lower grade elementary school for girls at Kanjirapalli should also be raised to the higher grade. Class IV should be opened in the Chirakadavu girls' school. He complained that certain people were poisoning the water in the Manimala river during the hot season for the purpose of fishing. The water was thus rendered unfit for use to the neighbouring people. The Member requested that the subordinates of the Forest and Police Departments should be directed to prevent the nuisance. A Visha Vaidyasâla should also be opened in the taluk or the existing Vaidyans encouraged by giving them grants. He also prayed for the conversion of the following traces into cart roads:—

(1) The trace from Ponkunnam market to the Kunnumbhagam road *via* Chirakadavu.

(2) The trace from the Kunnumbhagam road to Perurthodu *via* Valakayam and Erumeli.

(3) The trace from Kanjirapalli to Elikulam *via* Ampalakad.

(4) The Edakunnam trace.

In addition to the above, forest traces should also be cut from the Mount Estate to Mlappara and similar traces to other estates *en route*. A hospital or at least a dispensary should be opened at Manimala. An Agricultural Inspector should also be given to the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

146. Grievances of the inhabitants of the Ettumanur taluk.

Mr. R. Raman Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) pressed on the attention of the Government the following needs of the Ettumanur taluk:—

(1) Construction of a Bhajanamatam attached to the Ettumanur temple for the use of the Ezhavas.

(2) Improvement of the Valiachira and tank.

(3) Completion of the temple works at Thaliyil.

(4) Restoration of the Sirkar temples at Vasudevapuram and Srikantesvaram.

(5) Improvement of the Kaduthuruthi Valiathodu and Chullithodu, for conveying water through them for cultivation purposes.

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(6) Extension of the Vempallithodu to the paddy fields on the west of Kanakari.

(7) Opening of the Valianapuzha bund or adopting other measures to prevent the destruction of crops by floods.

(8) Construction of a bund in the Pennar thodu to prevent the inrush of brackish water into the Kypuzha punja lands.

(9) Conversion, into a cart road, of the village road from Kudamalur to Mannanam, now maintained by the Public Works Department.

(10) Construction of roads from Mannanam to the Kypuzha Pallikadavu and from Kozha to Thalayolaparampu.

(11) Improvement of the roads from Ettumanur to Perurpuzha, from Ettumanur to Arumanur, from Ettumanur to Punnathura Sugar Manufactory, and from Palachirakadavu to Thottuva.

(12) Award of Government aid to the Punnathura Sugar Manufactory.

(13) Opening of a technical institute n the taluk.

(14) Construction of a buildi for the higher grade elementary school at Kaduthuruthi.

(15) O[illegible]ning of a lower grade elementary school in the building handed over to the G[illegible]ernment by the people of Memmary.

(16) Construction of the building sanctioned for the English school at Ettumanur.

The Member then said that the Athirampuzha market was situated on Kottuviruthi lands granted for services in the temple. He suggested that either the Government should register those lands in the names of the present occupants on payment of vilayartham or that the site should be sold in auction.

He also prayed that the revenue jurisdiction of the Elakad pakuthi should be transferred to Ettumanur taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The question of transferring the Elakad pakuthi to Ettumanur will be re-considered.

147. Desirability of partitioning the Chengannur taluk into two taluks, with Pathanamthitta as the headquarters of one of them.

Mr. A. Aiyappan Pillai (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that the headquarters of the Chengannur taluk was fixed at Chengannur on the western border of the taluk at a time when the eastern portion was uninhabited. Recently, the eastern portion had grown in importance and had become largely peopled. The people of the eastern pakuthies now found it difficult to travel a distance of 25 to 30 miles to go to the headquarters. Further, there was a large area for puduval registry in the eastern pakuthies. The supervision of the Tahsildar in the matter could not be expected to be effective, to the great detriment of the revenue. When the Tahsildar visited the eastern pakuthies, he took a long time to return and his Devaswom and other work at headquarters greatly suffered. In those circumstances, and considering the unwieldy extent of the taluk at present, the Member said that it was desirable, in the interests of the people and of the Government, to partition the taluk into two taluks with Pathanamthitta as the headquarters of one of them. He understood that the Peishkar had reported favourably on the representation on the same subject brought up at the tenth session of the Assembly but that the question was since dropped by Government.

Dewan's reply.—In my recent tour through the eastern pakuthies of the Chengannur taluk, it struck me that the inhabitants of the eastern pakuthies had real difficulties in going to the headquarters of the taluk and that the request of the people to divide the taluk into two was reasonable. Though the partition could not be immediately effected, it may have to be done sooner or later. The matter will receive consideration.

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